

District IV Commissioner Romney Rogers



Sun Trolley in the News! – Our new “Excursion” route from Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport to Las Olas and Downtown is receiving rave visitor reviews on the TripAdvisor® website! In addition to this free round-trip Sun Trolley service, travelers can buy a 1-Day Excursion pass (museums, Trolley, and discount coupons) for \$19.95/person, or a 1-Day Excursion Combo (includes the above plus Water Taxi) for \$29.95/person. Baggage storage is available at airport terminals: phone 954-359-5505 or see <http://www.bagstogo.net>.

- The “Beach Link,” now operating 7-day Trolley service from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM, runs from the Harbor Shops on the SE 17 Street Causeway to The Galleria Mall.
- Don’t forget, you can download printable route maps and the mobile app at <http://www.suntrolley.com>, or call 954-761-3543 for details.

I continue to serve on the Board of TMA (the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association), which administers the Trolley system and have recently become a Board Member of the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (<http://www.browardmpo.org>). Through this involvement, I provide input and insights into the transportation planning process, while receiving first-hand information about projects, such as The Wave Streetcar, All Aboard Florida, and Port Everglades expansion.

A1A Restoration – FDOT is working on an \$8.3 million project to repair the four-block, residential section of State Road A1A north of Sunrise Boulevard on Fort Lauderdale Beach that was damaged during Hurricane Sandy last October and the Thanksgiving Weekend storms in November. Completion is anticipated in April.

➤ **Along A1A between NE 14 Court and NE 18 Street:**

- Drivers should watch for slow-moving construction vehicles entering and exiting the construction zone on the east side of A1A.
- A1A is open to one travel lane and one bike lane northbound and southbound.
- Parking and sidewalks are open on the west side of A1A only.
- Beachgoers should use the beach access points to the north and south of the construction area: Please do not walk through the construction site.

The City is working closely with other agencies to monitor and address the condition of both the roadway and the beach. This project provides a unique opportunity to bring governmental and climate experts together to develop a long-term restoration and renourishment plan that will enable us to adapt to a changing climate.

Upcoming Events in District IV –

- **Thursday, February 14 – Second Annual Love in the Park** at Huizenga Plaza from 5:30 to 10 PM. This event will feature gourmet food, wine, vendors, music, and more! For details, call 954-468-1541.
- **Saturday, February 16 – Kid Duck Fest** sponsored by Kids in Distress. In an exciting race, 15,000 rubber duckies will be floated down the New River! Participants will be gathering in Esplanade Park at 1 PM and the event runs until 4 PM. There will be food trucks, a DJ, and a live band. The charge is \$5 per duck.
- **Sunday, February 24 – Sunday Arts** from 11 AM to 2 PM along Riverwalk. Crafters will be selling their wares; performers will be performing! These events will also feature painters, photographers, and storytellers. See <http://www.GoRiverwalk.com>.
- **Friday, March 1 – Hott Community Center Grand Opening** at 6 PM, 1700 SW 14 Court in Shady Banks.
- **Saturday, March 2 – 30th Annual South Florida Scottish Festival & Highland Games** at Snyder Park, 3299 SW 4th Avenue, from 9 AM to 7:30 PM. The parade of clans and mass pipe bands begins at Noon. Tickets (parking included) are \$25 at the gate (\$20 in advance), with no charge for children 12 and under. Dogs and coolers are prohibited in the park. See <http://www.sassf.org> or call 954-460-5000 for more information.
- **Saturday, March 9 – Fort Lauderdale’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade & Festival** from 11:00 AM to 7 PM. The Parade runs from Noon to 1:30 PM, along East Las Olas from SE 5 Avenue to the Riverfront. The Festival will be located in Huizenga Plaza, 32 East Las Olas, and along the Riverwalk. From 7 AM to Midnight, parking will be available for a flat rate of \$5 at the City Park Garage, 155 SE 2 Street and at the Riverside Hotel Garage, located on SE 4 Street just east of US1. For details, call 954-828-5363 or log on to <http://www.ftlaudirishfest.com>.

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